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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

Addendum 1

Explanatory Notes to the Provisional Agenda

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following documents have been circulated by the secretariat:

Provisional Agenda	ST/SG/AC.10/20
Tentative timetable	ST/SG/AC.10/20, Note 1
List of Documents and Explanatory Notes	ST/SG/AC.10/20/Add.1

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Committee at its seventeenth session agreed that Mr. L. Grainger (United Kingdom) and Mr. J. Monteith (Canada) should be re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. ST/SG/AC.10/19, para. 216

3. **WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS on its seventh, eight and ninth sessions, and recommendations made by it, together with subsequent proposals arising therefrom; especially from international organizations concerned with regulations or recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods at an international level.**

Three sessions of the Sub-committee were held since the last session of the Committee, as follows:

12-21 July 1993: seventh session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/14
22-30 November 1993: eighth session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/16
4-15 July 1994: ninth session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18 and Adds.1-4 and Corr.1

To facilitate the consideration of the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee, a consolidated text of draft amendments to the Recommendations of the Transport of Dangerous Goods has been prepared by the Secretariat. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

(a) **<u>Criteria for Division 5.1 (Criteria for classification of liquid and solid oxidizing substances)</u>**

<u>Solid oxidizing substances</u>:

The Sub-Committee adopted a revised version of the solid oxidizer test. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.528; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3, annex A; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.441 annex 2 (section 34); ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 43-45

The Committee was invited to decide on the Packing Group II/III Criterion. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3, paras. 6, 7, and 41

<u>Liquid Oxidizing Substances</u>:

The Sub-Committee agreed that test methods and criteria for liquid oxidizers were necessary and should be included in the next version of the Manual of Tests and Criteria. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para.51

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The Sub-Committee preferred the time pressure test proposed by the expert from Sweden to the conical pile test proposed by the expert from Japan. The proposal by Sweden was referred to the Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.496

Mixtures of solid oxidizing substances and water:

A proposal by the expert from Norway was referred to the Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.535

Other Matters:

A proposal on the preponderance of self-reactive properties over oxidizing properties has been submitted by the Expert from Germany. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.460

(b) **Rationalization of the Manual of Tests and Criteria**

Part I:

The basic document was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.474

Amendments were adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.2, annex A
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3, annex C

New proposed amendments have been transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.441

A document reproducing a proposal from the Chairman of the International Group of experts of the Explosion Risks of Unstable Substances of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD-IGUS) was referred to the Committee as a basis of discussion of the possible inclusion on an item on the revision of test 6(C) and its interpretation for classification purposes in the program of work of the next biennium. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para.28
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.529

Parts II and III:

The basis document was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.475

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Amendments were adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.2 annex B; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3 annex D

New proposals have been transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.441

A proposal by CEFIC on emergency vent sizing for tank-containers for organic peroxides was referred to the Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.572; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 37 and 38

Amendments to section 33.3 have been proposed by CEFIC. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.482

NOTE: A Working Group on the rationalization of the Manual of Tests and Criteria is scheduled for 28 and 29 November to discuss in particular Parts II and III and the liquid oxidizer tests.

(c) **Listing and classification (Organic peroxides and self-reactive substances)**

Draft amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in the consolidated document prepared by the Secretariat. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

Proposed amendments to tables 11.3 and 11.4 (CEFIC) were referred to the Committee, and a new document has been submitted by CEFIC. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.576; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3, para.35; ST/SG/AC.10/R.480

New revised documents on IBCs and packagings for organic peroxides are also expected. One of the original documents has been submitted by the expert from the United States of America to the Committee, and new proposals have been submitted by CEFIC. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.3, para.37; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.586; ST/SG/AC.10/R.481; ST/SG/AC.10/R.483

(d) **Class 1 (Explosive) Matters**

(i) Packing Methods

A consolidated text of recommendations made by the Sub-Committee for the revision of packing methods has been prepared by the experts from the United Kingdom (English version) and France (French version). — ST/SG/AC.10/R.442

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(ii) Listing and Classification

Draft amendments to the text of Class 1 substances were adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

Several proposals were referred to the Committee, as follows:

- Nitroglycerin mixtures: (Two documents from the experts from the United Kingdom and Germany were referred to the Committee as background documents in case new data and submissions on the subject would be presented to the Committee. No new document has yet been submitted). — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.369/Rev.1, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.387, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 11 and 12

- Dinitrobenzene, wetted and picramic acid, wetted: The expert from Germany agreed to present new proposals once Series 6 tests have been carried out. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.524, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.525, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 14 and 15

(e) **Listing and Classification (Chapters 2 and 3)**

Draft amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in the consolidated document prepared by the Secretariat. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

The following subjects were referred to the Committee:

- Transport of sodium/sulphide - sodium nickel chloride batteries: original document (Germany) new document (Germany) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 92, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.439/Rev.1, ST/SG/AC.10/R.461

- Reclassification of substances meeting the inhalation toxicity criteria for packing group I (United States): The expert from the United States was invited to submit data sheets. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 116, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.592

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- UN 2623: firelighters, solid with flammable liquid: Amendments, consequential to the decision to classify firelighters in division 4.1, Packing Group I, have been proposed by the expert from the United Kingdom.	ST/SG/AC.10/R.459
- UN 3268 and special provision 235: A new proposal has been submitted by the expert from France.	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 124 ST/SG/AC.10/R.466
- Hydrates of inorganic substances: A new proposal has been submitted by the observer from Australia.	ST/SG/AC.10/R.467
- Classification of pesticides: A proposal for amending special provision 61 in the light of decisions taken by the Sub-Committee for the table of pesticides has been submitted by HMAC.	ST/SG/AC.10/R.470
- A revised table of pesticides has been prepared by the Secretariat in cooperation with the observer from Switzerland.	ST/SG/AC.10/R.471
- Table of precedence of hazards: Proposals by the expert from Germany were referred to the Committee.	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.440 and Corr.1
- Classification on the basis of human experience: a document by HMAC was carried forward as a background document pending new proposals.	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.488

(f) **Class 2 (Gases) matters, including ISO work on standards for gas cylinders and quality assurance**

Draft amendments concerning Class 2 adopted by the Sub-Committee are included in the consolidated document prepared by the Secretariat. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

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A document by the expert from the Netherlands was referred to the Committee as a background document for future discussion of:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.550
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 86 and 87

- the definition of pure gases
- reclassification of UN 1083

No new information has yet been provided.

(g) **Class 8 (Corrosives) matters, including the methods for determining metal corrosives**

Draft amendments to Chapter 8 of the Recommendations, adopted by the Sub-Committee, are reproduced in the consolidated document prepared by the Secretariat.

ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

The ISO Secretariat has been contacted as regards the suitability of the reference to ISO 2604: 1975 for types of steel used in the test on metal corrosion.

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 90

(h) **Matters related to packagings and IBCs**

Draft amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in the consolidated document prepared by the Secretariat.

ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

HMAC has submitted new proposals on salvage packagings and on markings of packagings for infectious substances.

ST/SG/AC.10/R.468
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The question of definitions and criteria for the tightness of packages and IBCs, as raised by the expert from Germany, was referred to the Committee.

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 144
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.552

A proposal by the expert from Brazil for an editorial review of Chapter 16 that was agreed on in principle by the Sub-Committee has been referred to the Committee as to whether or not this editorial review should be included in the ninth revised edition of the Recommendations.

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.526
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 142

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(i) **Review of Chapter 12 and the multimodal tank tables**

Several amendments to the tank tables have been adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

A revised text for Chapter 12 has been developed by a working group which should meet again during the Committee session from 28 November to 2 December. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18/Add.4; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 54 to 70 and 225

Several document were referred to the Committee as background documents for the Working Group, as follows:

- Chapter 12: Table for portable tanks (United States of America) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.253
- Comparison of requirements for multimodal tanks intended to carry liquids (United States of America) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.422
- Report of the London Portable Tank Working Group (United States of America) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.484
- 45th session of the IMO Sub-Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods (IMO) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.570
- Rail Impact testing (United States of America/Canada) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.584; ST/SG/AC.10/R.478 (new)
- Development of a rationalized approach to assigning requirements to substances (United States of America) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.587
- Requirements for substances with toxic inhalation hazard (United States of America) — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.591

New proposals have been submitted as follows:

- Comparison of requirements for multimodal tanks intended to carry gases (France) — ST/SG/AC.10/R.450
- Multimodal gas tanks (Belgium) — ST/SG/AC.10/R.45

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(j) **Review of Chapter 15 (Dangerous Goods in limited quantities)**

Draft amendments to Chapter 15 have been adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

Principles proposed by the expert from Italy for reviewing Chapter 15 were referred to the Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.511; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 148

A document from IMO on marking of cargo transport units carrying limited quantities was kept on the agenda for possible reconsideration in the new biennium. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.514; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 149 and 150

(k) **Segregation requirements for dangerous goods**

New provisions for segregation requirements have been adopted by the Sub-Committee for inclusion in Chapter 13. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

(l) **Systematic list of entries (Extension of Appendix A)**

Proposals for the inclusion of such a list in the Recommendations were submitted by the expert from the Netherlands to the Sub-Committee, then the matter was referred to the Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.460; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.481; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 127 to 131

A new proposal has been submitted by the expert from the Netherlands. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.479

(m) **Other matters**

Miscellaneous draft amendments to various chapters of the Recommendations of the Transport of Dangerous Goods were adopted by the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.443

A new proposal concerning infectious substances has been submitted by the expert from the United States of America. — ST/SG/AC.10/R.477

4. NEW PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Outstanding proposals referred to the Committee by the Sub-Committee

The proposals listed below were brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee but were referred to the Committee for further action.

- UN numbers for Class 7 (Italy)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.508 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 107
- Editorial review of Chapter 16 (Brazil)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.526 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 142
- Aerosols with subsidiary risks (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.590 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 88
- Classification of UN 1073, Vinylpyridines, inhibited (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.593 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 117
Background document (requested by the expert from the United Kingdom).	ST/SG/AC.10/R.123
- UN 1202 - Diesel fuel or Gasoil or Heating Oil, Light (ICAO)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.444
- Refrigerating Machines (ICAO)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.445
- Requirements for Methanol (ICAO)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.446
- Sodium Borohydride Solutions (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.447
- UN 3241 - 2-Bromo-2-Nitropropane-1,3-Diol (United Kingdom)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.448
- Viscous flammable liquids in packing group III (CEPE)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.451
- Additions to Chapter 5 (CEPE)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.452
- Use of recycled plastics for the manufacture of packagings for dangerous goods (Germany)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.472

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(b) **New Proposals**

The proposals listed below are new and have not been brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee:

- UN 2031 and UN 2032 (Nitric acid) (CEFIC)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.453
- Sulphur trioxide in the uninhibited state (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.454
- Use of asterisks in Chapter 2 (Secretariat)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.456
- UN 2941 Fluoroanilines (United Kingdom)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.458
- UN 2310 Pentan-2,4-dione (Germany)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.462
- UN 2618 Vinyltoluenes, inhibited (United Kingdom)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.463
- Deletion of UN 2371 (Isopentenes) (China)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.464
- Expression of subsidiary risks (Belgium)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.474
- Corrections to the 8th revised edition of the Recommendations (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.475
- MANEB (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.476

5. **ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21**

Background

Agenda 21, Chapter 19	ST/SG/AC.10/R.413
Agenda 21, Chapter 20	ST/SG/AC.10/R.414
Agenda 21, Chapter 22	ST/SG/AC.10/R.415
Agenda 21, Chapter 38	ST/SG/AC.10/R.412

Resolutions of the General Assembly bearing on the work of the Committee (Resolutions 47/190, 47/191, 47/194). ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.396

Establishment of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CDS). ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.397

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International Conference on Chemical Safety (Stockholm, Sweden, 25-29 April 1994).	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.594
Information on the developments at the international level in the field of chemical safety since the last Committee's session is included in the reports on the Sub-Committee's sessions.	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/14, paras. 102 to 124 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/16, paras. 134 to 153 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 160 to 192

The Committee may wish to consider the following subjects of particular relevance to its work in relation to the implementation of Agenda 21:

(a) **Harmonized criteria for toxicity**

The Committee may wish to consider to recommendations made by the Sub-Committee as regards possible changes to oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity criteria in the context of global harmonization of criteria and in the light of the following documents:	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 173 to 182
- Harmonization of criteria for division 6.1 substances (United States of America).	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.467
- Harmonized classification criteria for acute toxicity (International Programme on Chemical Safety).	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.589
- Classification criteria for toxicity (Germany).	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.523 ST/SG/AC.10/R.457

(b) **Harmonized criteria for environmentally hazardous substances**

Preliminary discussions took place during the Sub-Committee sessions, but all documents were referred to the Committee, as follows:	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/14, paras. 49 to 56 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/16, paras. 150 to 153 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 183 to 186
- Carriage of environmentally hazardous substances by sea (IMO)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.222

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- Comparison between IMO/US/OECD-RID/ADR criteria (United States of America)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.388
- UN 3077 and UN 3082 (IMO)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.518
- Harmonization of criteria for substances hazardous to the aquatic environment (IMO)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.522
- Classification of environmentally hazardous substances (Norway)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.574
- Environmentally hazardous substances (CEFIC)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.583
- Activities of the IPCS Coordinating Group on harmonization of classification and labelling systems (IPCS)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.589
- A new proposal has been submitted by the expert from Germany	ST/SG/AC.10/R.473

(c) **Hazardous Wastes**

The Sub-Committee at its ninth session discussed two documents which were referred to the Committee: — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 189 to 192

- Outcome of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (Secretariat)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.536
- Identification of hazardous wastes (Japan)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.578

(d) **Harmonized criteria for physical hazards**

The Committee was invited by the Directors of the ILO Working Conditions and Environment Department and of the International Programme for Chemical Safety to consider the possibility of elaborating, through its own experts and in collaboration with experts in aspects other than transport, proposals for globally harmonized criteria for the classification of explosive, flammable and reactive materials. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.559

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This proposal has been discussed by the Sub-Committee at is eighth and ninth sessions, and the Committee may wish to decide on future action in that regard. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/16, paras. 137 to 143; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras 164 to 170

A report on possibilities for greater harmonization was prepared by ILO. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.364

A workshop on the harmonization of the criteria for classification of physical hazards was organized by the Government of Canada from 29 August to 2 September 1994 in Ottawa, and the report on the workshop might be made available to the Committee.

The Committee will also be informed of the outcome of a session of the IPCs Coordinating Group on the harmonization of classification systems to be held in Geneva on 21 and 23 November 1994.

6. **ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH REGULATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AT AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

Many international organizations have participated in the work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and have contributed to the development of the Recommendations and to the harmonization of these with other regulations. Information on these activities is contained in the reports of the Sub-Committee. — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/14, paras. 125 to 136; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/16, paras. 154 to 158; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 193 to 196

IMO submitted documents on:

- Periodicity of amendments to the IMDG Code — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.521
- Procedure for incorporating future amendments to the IMDG Code — ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.519

7. **RESOLUTION 1993/50 OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS 1995/...**

The draft resolution prepared by the Committee at its seventeenth session was adopted by the Council and circulated as resolution 1993/50. — ST/SG/AC.10/19, annex 1

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A report on the implementation of the resolution has been prepared by the Secretariat. ST/SC/AC.10/R.484

The Committee may wish to prepare a new draft resolution for consideration by the Council in 1995.

8. **PUBLICATION OF THE REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is invited to decide when and how the approved amendments to its Recommendations, including the Manual of Tests and Criteria, should be published, as supplements, as addenda or as new editions.

9. **PROGRAMME OF WORK**

The Committee is invited to decide on its programme of work in the light of the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee and other organizations interested in the transport of dangerous goods.

Several subjects have already been suggested:

- Revision of test 6(c)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 28
- List of substances which may be carried in portable tanks and requirements for portable tanks for gases	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 69 and 70
- References to ISO Standards for gas cylinders	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 71
- Classification on the basis of human experience	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 103
- Review of Chapter 15	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 150
- Segregation requirements for dangerous goods	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, para. 156
- Implementation of Agenda 21 (including hazardous wastes, criteria for toxicity, physical hazards and environmentally hazardous substances)	See item 5.

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- Harmonization of dangerous goods documentation	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/18, paras. 206 to 216
- Reformatting of the Recommendations (United States of America, RID/ADR Joint Meeting, IMO)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.486 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.520 ST/SG/AC.10/R.449
- Oversized packagings and packagings for large articles (Germany, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.465
- Use of recycled plastics for the manufacture of packagings (Germany)	ST/SG/AC.10/R.472

10. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1993/1994**

The dates provisionally suggested for the tenth, eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Sub-committee are 10-21 July 1995, 4-15 December 1995 and 1-12 July 1995, respectively. The nineteenth session of the Committee has provisionally been scheduled for 2-13 December 1996.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No document has yet been submitted under this agenda item.

12. **REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

In accordance with usual practice, the Secretariat will prepare, after the session, a report on the work of the Committee, including any draft resolution the Committee may wish to submit to the Economic and Social Council.

13. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with usual practice, the Committee is expected to adopt the report on its eighteenth session on the basis of a draft next prepared by the Secretariat.